21 Cornhill, Boston, Jan. 31, 1860.

Dear friend Webb;

Yesterday came to hand two letters from you — the one of Jan. 7th, covering one for Ohio, and one for Germany !! — (the latter takes its way back across the ocean by steamer from New York tomorrow — the other was soon on its westward way) — and the other, of Jan. 10th, relating to the money for Harriet Martineau. We thank you for your prompt action in her case, and I lose no time in remitting you a bill for the amount you paid her, viz. Forty Pounds, Sixteen Shillings (£40. 16. 0). Whatever you pay for interest you must charge in your next account with me. —
I have a 2d Bill of exchange which I can send, if aught happens to the First, herein enclosed. It is drawn on London by our principal Banking house here (John E. Thayer & Bro.), and, being payable on demand, can doubtless be cashed at once in Dublin. — I shall be glad to hear of its safe arrival. — I don't think you can possibly complete your "Standard" files either at this, or at the New York, office. We have, within a year or two, made desperate efforts to the same end, and failed. The only chance is to purchase a complete set of some subscriber from the beginning; and such a chance cannot occur often. — [If H. Martineau sends you a receipt — but no matter for this.] We are glad to hear all you say of "John Wilson". — I have nothing to add to what I said before, — no new facts having transpired, and no opportunity occurring to sift the matter any further. Should anything occur to throw light upon it, I will let you hear. Garrison's confidence in him is entire. — Oliver Johnson wrote the notice of Garrison for Appleton's Cyclopædia, some things which he wrote being struck out by the Editor, altho' he was very cautious not to overstate anything. — We like it, on the whole. — Wendell Phillips promised me a notice of W. L. G. for the Glasgow Encyclo.; but I haven't got it yet.
I have not yet acknowledged your previous letter of Dec. 29/59.

Received Jan. 17th. - written at Greenfield - commencing "It is near eleven at night"; a very pleasant, cosy, attractive picture you gave of the "little parlour" and its occupants - yourself, Mrs. Webb, and J. Wilson. - Richard and his sisters enjoyed, I hope, their Christmas party that evening, "near Dublin". And I shall hope to hear that Alfred is decidedly benefitted by his employment in the open air. - You have seemingly exchanged winters with us. The entire month of January here has been the mildest I ever knew; - this morng. at sunrise the mercury was 44° - yesterday, at 38°; there have been a good many nights when it did not freeze up at all, and there has been no severe weather at all during the month. In Decr. we had some ten days of very cold weather indeed. — You asked for Redpath's Life of Brown; I had sent it already to you, with several other copies to other friends, from our Soc'y. It is a stirring book, with many good points - some things too in very bad taste, which I regret, & wh. indeed he has amended in the later copies. We shall hope to send Portraits of John Brown to yourself & J. Haughton, as you desire; but Hyatt's portrait is an inferior one, and, to get that, ~~the~~ your subscriptions should have been sent direct to Hyatt, at New York. We have no control over it. - You are surprised that the J. Brown contributions at our large meetings are so small, and you think Barnum could have got far more. Of course he could for any catch-penny affair, - and he wouldn't ask for any John Brown cause. The contributions are fully up to the expectations of those who know how many obstructions exist to giving any money here to the Anti-Slavery work of any sort. Excuse haste - I have no time to read this over.

Affectionately Yours

Samuel May Jr.

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